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SENATE BILL 389

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

TIMOTHY Z. JENNINGS

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING FOR SALARY PAYMENT WHEN
ENGAGED AS A CERTIFIED DISASTER SERVICES VOLUNTEER.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES--SALARY PAYMENT--DISASTER
WORK. --

A. A public employee may be granted special disaster
leave and if so shall be paid his regular salary, up to a
maximum of eighty hours per pay period for up to thirty working
days in any calendar year, while serving as a disaster services
volunteer in the case of a serious disaster; provided:

(1) the employee has been certified as a
disaster services volunteer by a nationally recognized disaster
relief organization;

(2) a nationally recognized disaster relief

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1 organization requests the services of the employee; and

2 (3) the employee receives the approval of his
3 employer.

4 B. The personnel board shall establish by regulation
5 criteria to be used:

6 (1) by state employers to approve or disapprove
7 a special disaster leave request;

8 (2) to ensure that a public employee has been
9 certified as a disaster services volunteer; and

10 (3) to ensure that the special disaster leave
11 shall not be deducted from the employee's regular leave.

12 C. For purposes of this section:

13 (1) "public employee" means a regular,
14 nonprobationary employee of the state or its political
15 subdivisions; and

16 (2) "serious disaster" means, but is not
17 limited to, a catastrophe such as a tornado, flood, hurricane,
18 blizzard or other calamity that results in widespread property
19 damage, general disruption, personal injury and death, or any
20 combination of them, and that is of such magnitude as to require
21 assistance from outside the area immediately impacted by the
22 catastrophe.

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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been
10 referred

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
16 FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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18 Respectfully submitted,
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23 Shannon Robinson, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Boitano, Feldman, Rodarte

Absent: None

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